

Senate Resolution 114

By: Senator Williams of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Roger W. Williams; and for other purposes

2 WHEREAS, Rev. Roger W. Williams was a dedicated servant of his community and the
3 distinguished pastor of Gum Branch Baptist Church in Hinesville, Georgia, where he carried
4 on an example of charity, faith, and moral fortitude, caring for a loving congregation since
5 1981 until the day he answered his summons for eternal rest on February 2, 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Williams was a native of Jacksonville, Florida, a 1970 graduate of Paxton
7 High School, and a 1974 graduate of Mississippi College with a Bachelor of Arts in Bible
8 and religious education; and he received his Master of Divinity from New Orleans Bible
9 Theological Seminary; and

10 WHEREAS, less than a month before his passing, Rev. Williams visited the capitol to deliver
11 a devotional speech on January 10, 2006, to commemorate the beginning of the 2006
12 Georgia Legislative Session; and

13 WHEREAS, on that day, Rev. Williams passionately spoke on a theme from Micah 6:8,
14 "What does the Lord require of you?" and encouraged legislators as they began a new
15 legislative year representing the wonderful citizens of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, Rev. Williams beseeched his audience, the General Assembly, to uphold the
17 standard of truth and to consider the principles of justice and love, encouraging legislators
18 to consider it a moral imperative to combine the practice of justice with an attitude of love
19 towards others, despite what may be required by law.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 join in honoring the life of this dedicated spiritual leader, Reverend Roger W. Williams,
22 remembering his inspirational message of justice and love, and recognizing his many years
23 of service to his community and the State of Georgia.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend Roger W.
- 3 Williams and the Gum Branch Baptist Church of Hinesville, Georgia.